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Dear EPA Freedom of Information Act Office,

With this letter, we wish to request the following information from the Environmental Protection Agency under the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, we would like to have the following information for all 50 states for all facilities regulated under the coal-fired electric utility New Source Review/Prevention of Significant Deterioration (NSR/PSD) National Enforcement Initiative, which began in 1998. For our research purposes, we request information that is held by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance's Air Enforcement Division (OECA-AED). We therefore ask that OECA-AED fulfill our request.

Data Group 1: Clean Air Act Section 114 Information Requests

We request the Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 114 Information Request documents submitted by coal-fired electric utilities as required by the NSR/PSD National Enforcement Initiative. As part of the Initiative, EPA requested information under section 114 of the CAA on maintenance, projects, and upgrades at all coal-fired electric utilities in the United States dating back to 1980. We are interested in acquiring all Section 114 response documents that were submitted to EPA for all iterations of the National Enforcement Initiative.

Data Group 2: NSR/PSD Air Enforcement Case Notices of Violation

We also request the Notices of Violation (NOV) issued to all coal-fired electric utilities by EPA as a result of NSR/PSD violations stemming from all iterations of the National Enforcement Initiative. We request all NOVs issued to facilities: those leading to federal cases which are found on EPA's public website (<https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/coal-fired-power-plant-enforce>), those that did not lead to federal cases, and those settled administratively (both of which are not found on EPA's public website).

In closing, we wish to state that our research project operates with the University of Wisconsin-Stout and Arizona State University and that we are requesting information for a scholarly purpose. As such, we request a waiver of all fees.

Thank you greatly for your assistance and consideration of our request. If you have any questions or concerns about this FOIA request, please contact me by phone at 715-232-2493, by email at raffz@uwstout.edu, or by postal mail using the address shown above. I look forward to hearing from you as your schedule permits.

Warm regards,

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